Mountain Weather Forecast

South Grampian and Southeast Highlands

Including South and East Cairngorms National Park, Aberdeenshire and Angus Hills, Ben Vrackie, Ben Lawers, Loch Tay and Ochils
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 15 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 16 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 14 Nov 2023 at 16:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: There is some uncertainty in timing of rain and snow clearing the south on Wednesday. Good confidence for a lot of dry weather on Thursday and Friday then lower confidence for timing of unsettled weather over the weekend.

Headline for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023: Cloudy with occasional rain or snow. Brighter in northeast later. Cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	80%	60%	60%	40%	10%	10%

Forecast for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain, falling as snow above 800m, heavy at times overnight but becoming light and patchy during the morning. Rain and snow dying out in the afternoon across Aberdeenshire with some brightness possible later. A cold evening with lengthening clear spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%, becoming 60% in afternoon then 90% in evening. Summits in southwest staying cloudy for longest.

Low Cloud and visibility: Areas of low cloud and fog above 600m with poor visibility in rain or snow. Whiteout conditions possible above 1000m in fog and snow cover. This cloud will slowly lift and clear from the northeast during the afternoon and evening but it could be a slow process.

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Forecast for Wednesday 15 Nov 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	28/33 E	27/32 E	23/28 E	19/22 NE	13/16 E	8/10 E	6/8 SE	7/9 S	9/12 S
900	20/25 E	18/23 E	16/20 E	12/16 NE	8/11 E	4/6 E	5/7 SE	6/8 S	8/11 S
600	11/17 E	11/18 E	9/14 E	5/11 NE	3/7 NE	2/4 S	2/3 S	2/4 SW	3/5 S
300	9/18 E	9/19 NE	6/15 NE	5/14 NE	2/6 NW	2/5 SW	3/4 NW	2/4 NW	2/3 SW
Glen	8/17 E	10/20 NE	6/15 NE	5/11 NE	2/6 NW	2/5 W	2/4 W	3/5 NW	3/5 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1100	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-7	-2/-6	-2/-5	-2/-5	-2/-6
900	1/-6	0/-6	0/-6	0/-5	0/-4	0/-2	0/-3	-0/-3	-0/-4
600	2/-2	2/-2	2/-2	2/-1	2/0	2/1	2/0	1/-0	1/-1
300	4/1	4/1	4/2	4/2	5/4	5/4	2/1	2/0	1/-0
Glen	5/2	5/2	5/3	5/3	6/5	5/4	2/0	2/1	2/0
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Be prepared for some snow and icy conditions under foot above 800m with possible whiteout conditions in low cloud and snow cover above 1000m.

Forecast for Thursday 16 Nov 2023

Weather: A cold night with a frost and fog patches in some glens, slow to clear. A largely dry day with sunny intervals but cloud increasing. A few showers, wintry above 800m, may spread up from the south.

Maximum wind: Southerly 15 to 20mph, gusts 30mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility. Patchy fog on low slopes in the morning, also some patches of cloud above 500m with locally poor visibility in any showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1C rising to 7C.
At 800m: Plus 1C.
Freezing level: 900m.

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